

## News from Senator

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### DOLE GAVE \$30,500 OF HONORARIA TO CHARITY IN '81

WASHINGTON -- In response to several inquiries, Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today released a detailed list of his 1981 speaking honoraria donated to charity. The charitable contributions amounted to \$30,500 -- most of which was donated to organizations in Kansas.

The list, which was included in his detailed personal income tax information released April 16, 1982, follows:

### ATTACHMENT -- SENATOR DOLE SPEAKING HONORARIA DONATED DIRECTLY TO CHARITY

\$4,500	Kansas Chapter, Leukemia Society of America
\$5,750	Kansas Foundation for the Blind
\$4,950	Lakemary Center (Paola, KS)
\$ 250	Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of Kansas
\$1,250	Kansas Affiliate, American Diabetes Association
\$2,000	Kansas Society for Crippled Children
\$1,700	Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded
\$ 700	Institute of Logopedics
\$1,200	Capper Foundation for Crippled Children
\$ 200	Kansas Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Foundation
<u>\$8,000</u>	Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, D.C.)
/ \$30,500	

SENATOR DOLE RELEASES 1981 TAX RETURN INFORMATION

Senator Bob Dole stated today that he and Mrs. Dole paid a total of \$100,692 in Federal and State income taxes for calendar year 1981, and of that amount the Senator paid \$43,250 in Federal taxes and \$4,158 in Kansas taxes. Their return, filed yesterday, shows a total 1981 Federal tax payment of \$93,534, which Dole stated represented 80.62% of their combined salaries. In addition, they paid a total of \$7,158 in Kansas income tax. Senator Dole also released a summary of their joint 1981 Federal return, as well as summaries of previous released information for the years 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

- "Members' Deduction" -

Senator Dole explained in some detail the so-called "Members' tax deduction" which has been the center of controversy and, according to the Senator, much misinformation and inaccuracy by the media. He explained that the tax deduction resulted in a net estimated Federal tax savings of \$4,400, and he noted that critics in the media had suggested to Kansans and others that Members would pay no income tax because of the deduction, or receive a tax break in excess of \$19,000.

There were a number of options which could be used in calculating the deduction, and Dole stated he chose the minimum option, which allows a Member to deduct \$50 per day for each Congressional Day in the year, plus the normal long-standing standard deduction for home mortgage interest and property taxes. There were 256 Congressional Days in 1981. Dole subtracted 36 days, which includes 23 days he was hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and 13 additional days (8 days in Kansas and 5 days elsewhere for business or personal reasons). Under present law, Dole was able to deduct \$14,267; under prior law, the deduction would be \$6,267 -- which as stated above, resulted in an estimated tax savings of \$4,400.

Dole indicated he could understand the frustration and anger of some in Kansas who were not given accurate information by radio, TV or newspaper reports. He noted the most flagrant and irresponsible media report was ABC-TV's program

"Twenty-Twenty", and that he had filed a strong protest with the President of that network.

Senator Dole said, "I have been in Congress for 21 years, and I think the record will indicate I have voted for only one pay raise in those years and have never been a party to increasing benefits for Members of Congress". Dole also noted that some wealthy members of Congress -- including one or two in the Kansas Delegation -- may not use the deduction.

- Other Highlights -

Other highlights of the Doles' 1981 return indicate that their combined salaries totalled \$116,017 and that Dole earned \$66,850 for speaking engagements, of which \$30,500 was donated directly to charities. Those charitable contributions (\$30,500) consisted of \$4,500 to the Kansas Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, \$5,750 to the Kansas Foundation for the Blind, \$4,950 to Lakemary Center, \$250 to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of Kansas, \$1,250 to the Kansas Affiliate of American Diabetes Association, \$2,000 to Kansas Society for Crippled Children, \$1,700 to Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded, \$700 to the Institute of Logopedics, \$1,200 to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children, \$200 to Kansas Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and \$8,000 to Foundry United Methodist Church. The Senator stated that none of his income was from stocks or bonds, that he had no tax-sheltered income, and that his only other income was from his radio program which netted him \$15,700, \$6,083 in interest income from savings accounts and certificates of deposit, and a non-taxable retirement pension from the U.S. Army of \$11,663, which the Senator receives as a result of injuries sustained in World War II.

Detailed summaries of the five years' returns are attached.